# SCENES IN THE MIRROR OF FASHIONS—WHAT THE DEBUTANTES WEAR

Young Women Must Take Care to Select Harmonizing Gowns for Debute.

OR the debutante, the season promises to be one of lace and silks, satins and veivets. She leaves elaborate embroidand heavy brocades to her much sister, and instead she favors the oft charming fabrics that are so mited to the debutante type of to-day. She has learned the values of beauty -that beauty is proportion, and that to dress beautifully is to dress in har-mony, not only with the season and fashions of the moment, but with one's fashions of the moment, but with one age and type. She realizes that the most profound thought her little head is capable of must be temporarily applied to each detail of her costume, from the jeweled bandeau to the tip

ther buckled shoe.

This task, however, is easier than it bunds, for no longer is she limited to sille and white. She has the bazaars if the world to choose from, and she lides into the beau monde with a newledge of background, a frail little least tasking perhaps the mystery lent. knowledge of background, a ran mixed by more sophisticated frocks, but still surrounded by the same glamour that prevailed in her grandmother's debutante days. She is to be a shining star for a season at least, and her wardrobe must be in keeping with her improvement.

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Velvet is undoubtedly the smartest material of this season, and, in the form of silk or chiffon velvet, may lend its chic as a foundation for the youthful costume. Taffeta, with its romantic sighteenth century charm, is always appropriate and becoming, and this season it is being so much worn that the debutante may have several taffeta frocks in various textures and designs. If she finds that satin enhances her type of loveliness, the debutante will wisely combine it with lace, which brings a freshness to this material; and, while they are not new, frocks made entirely of lace still enjoy unquestioned favor in her wardrobe.

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Where frocks of metal cloth combined with lace or embroidered materials are concerned there will be moments in the debutante's life when the tembration to possess one will be almost more than she can resist. But unless she is incleded very "old for her age," unless she possesses an air of sophistication which demands the gowns that her older sister wears, she must beware of such elaborate costumes. No evidence of bad taste is quite so glaring as a fresh cheeked, golden hared debutante dressed, or, rather, overdressed, in heavy metal laces or velvets, entirely unsuited to the youthful lines of her figure. To carry off the sinuous draperies of the more formal mode a debutante must possess, not only height and a well developed figure but polse and self-possession—qualities which one does not associate with the young thing at her debut.

Lanvin's frocks are delightful, but then who should fashion youthful clothes more charmingly, since she has drawn many of her inspirations from her dainty children's clothes with which she first established herself? Her skirts are full and longer than those shown by any other' house. This means, then, that they will be worn by the debutante and quite generally by all of us, for the tendency is to follow the youthful mode in fact her robes de style for the young sirl ere so lovely that they have already because a fashion for the elder woman.

Only Lanvin could have created the exquisite combination of silver and that shade of sky blue which possesses just the accent lacking in bleu paie, and which follows and improves every line of her figure, is a splendid design.

Another important question relates to the appropriate accessory. The discriminating debutante realizes that claborate jewels are jot for her; on the other hand, the simpler ornaments are here by right of precedent and tradition. Worn with a simply out bodlee, a string of pearls or apple green jade are far more appealing than the ornate parunes which she longs to pr

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Sleeves Predominating Feature of These New Modes



# New Afternoon Styles for Frocks Depicted

6967-To fulfill its promise this af-ternoon frock chooses its material and color carefully. It reseda green crepe satin, which in the skirt would reveal both its sides, matching georgette crepe for the blouse.

6968—Is of beige crepe, a cape which forms the sleeves. The set-in panels are shirred snugly at a low waist line and the fullness is released at the lower edge to give ample width.

6947-Noteworthy for its interesting sleeves, its long waisted blouse quaintly embroidered, and its sash lined with a contrasting material, this frock is developed in brick colored Canton crepe and is lined with black satin. The heavy embroidery i. 'n black and copper colored threads. This design is equally smart developed backed crepe, using the crepe side for the front and back panels and the satin side for the sleeves and side sections.

during the war and after it. True, every one disapproved of it at first. Critics and artists spoke of its ugli-

Critics and artists spoke of its ugilness and warned the American woman she could not stand its harshness. But the American woman, like those on other continents, did stand it.

It was low or high, straight across the shoulders, or dipping in front or back, but whatever its exact formation at was as troublesome as a flea, and for the same reason that a flea is troublesome; it hopped, skipped and jumped over the neck and shoulders. No matter how well one arranged it and patted it neatly into place, it went off at a rakish tandem in five minutes. Sedate women, suddenly seeing themselves in a street mirror, found that the neck opening had slipped well over one arm to expose a wide segment of the back and arm. A frantic adjustment followed, but the episode was ceaselessly repeated.

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The trade people, as usual, scenting a penny in the offing, immediately directed their clever imagination to inventing schemes by which this oblong opening at the neck would become less rakish. The French jewelers brought out the platinum shoulder chain which linked the two edges of the neckline together. Those who could not afford platinum used frock colored bands of velvet or satin ribbon across the shoulders to serve the same purpose.

Last August in Paris the American dressmakers who were buying modele

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